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Stolp-West Airfield

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- Between summer 1950 and 12 October 1953, [redacted] that a glider school was stationed at Stolp-West (P 55/N 06) airfield. Trainees permanently stationed there were 12 to 19 years old. In addition young civilians, for instance students of the agricultural school, were trained there in the afternoons. The dress uniforms of the trainees consisted of gray-blue long trousers and jackets, light gray-blue shirts and neckties and usually visor caps or occasionally service caps. The uniform resembled the former German Air Force uniform. The soldiers had epaulettes with undetermined silver insignia. Soldiers observed at the field bringing in a landed glider wore fatigue uniforms of coarse gray linen. The civilian trainees wore gray-blue sports dress and service caps without insignia. Usually two single-seater gliders and two twin-seater gliders and one biplane were seen at the field. There was air activity between 3 a.m. and 6 p.m. which often lasted until 8 p.m. during the summer months. The gliders took off by means of a mobile winch. The twin-seater gliders remained aloft for a short time circling the field once or twice, while the single-seater gliders remained aloft for half an hour to 3 hours. No long distance flights were observed. Sometimes the biplane was observed taking off toward the north and returning after 4 to 5 hours.

- During the summer of 1953, a glider with an officer took off in strong wind and had to make an emergency landing soon thereafter. The glider was completely destroyed while the pilot was injured. After the accident there was no flying in strong winds.

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[redacted] It was reported previously that Stolp-West airfield is used for glider training, probably by the Luftwaffe. The information that the trainees wear a uniform is received for the first time.